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Exchange, Belfast on London has been generally through this month at  $9\frac{3}{4}$  per cent.

### NATURALIST'S REPORT.

*From April 20, to May 20.*

April 21...Cowslip (*Primula veris*), Male Orchis (*Orchis mascula*), Ground Ivy (*Glechoma Hederacea*), and Nodding Squill (*Scilla amœna*), flowering.

24...Common Swallow (*Hirundo Rustica*) arrived.

25 Gentianella (*Gentiana acaulis*) Neapolitan star of Bethlehem (*Ornithogalum nutans*), Barren wort (*Epimedium Alpinum*), and Cuckoo Flower (*Cardamine pratensis*).

27...Cuckoo (*Cuculus Canorus*) come and calling...Fieldfares (*Turdus pilaris*) not yet gone, Germander (*Veronica Chamædrys*) flowering.

29—Virginian Lungwort (*Pulmonaria Virginica*), Asiatic Globe Ranunculus (*Troillius Asiaticus*),

30...Harebell (*Scilla nutans*), Bush vetch (*Vicia sepium*), Woodroof (*Asperula odorata*) flowering. Goldilocks, (*Ranunculus auricomus*) and Common Strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*), in full flower.

May 2...Several Swallows flying about.

3...Mountain Speedwell (*Veronica montana*) flowering. That curious insect the *Podura aquatica* now begins to cover the surface of the puddles about dunghills, &c. as if gunpowder was strewn over them.

4...Common Broom (*Spartium Scoparium*), flowering.

8...Narrow leaved Ledum (*Ledum angustifolium*) flowering.

10...Italian Squill (*Scilla Campanulata*), and Apple trees flowering.

11...Broadleaved Ledum (*Ledum latifolium*), Marsh Whortleberry (*Vaccinium Ulinosum*), Yellow Azalea (*Azalea Pontica*), and Tulip (*Tulipa Gesneri*), flowering.

13...Reed Bird (*Sylvia Salicaria*) and Black Martin or Swift (*Hirundo Apus*) arrived.

14...Wood-Cranesbill (*Geranium Sylvaticum*), Yellow Poppy (*Papaver Cambricum*) flowering.

15...With spotted brown Butterfly (*Papilio Aegeria*), flying about...Sitfast (*Ranunculus repens*), and London Pride (*Saxifraga umbrosa*) flowering.

16...Lilacs (*Syringa vulgaris*) flowering.

17...Marsh Eyebright (*Pedicularis Sylvatica*)...Crimson Flowered Pœony (*Pœonia peregrina*) flowering, and the White Throat (*Sylvia cinerea*) arrived.

18...Day Lychnis (*Lychnis Diurna*) and night blowing Lychnis (*Lychnis vespertina*)... Horse Chesnut (*Cesulus Hippocastanum*) and First Flowers of the White Water Lily (*Nymphaea alba*) flowering.

19...Hawthorns (*Cratægus Oxycantha*)...Wood Loosestrife (*Lysimachia nemorum*) and Thrift or Sea Pink (*Statice Armena*) flowering.

20...Rape Butterfly (*Papilio Rapœe*) flying about.

### METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

*From the 20th April, to the 20th May.*

April 21, .....Squally with showers.

22,.....Fine day, showery night,

23,.....Fine day, thunder and rain at night.

24,.....Fine, rain at night.

25,.....Wet morning. Fine day.

26,.....Dark dry day.

27,.....Fine day.

28,.....Very wet.

29,.....Dark dry day.

30,.....Rain in the evening.

May 1,.....Wet day.

2,.....A small shower in the evening.

3,.....Wet day,

4,.....Slight showers.

5,.....Wet day.

6,.....Very great rain. Stormy, producing great floods.